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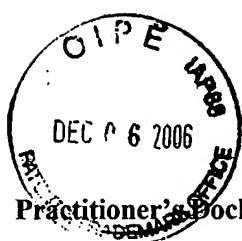
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An initial Information Disclosure Statement was submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office with the filing of the subject U.S. Patent Application No. 10/754,323, on January 9, 2004.

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1. An Office Action issued October 5, 2006 by the European Patent Office in European Patent Application No. 04026847.6, a foreign counterpart application to the above U.S. Patent Application No. 10/754,323.
2. Applicant's Response, dated November 30, 2006, to the European Patent Office Action, together with new claims 1 to 4 and amended description pages.

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3. A copy of Letters Patent for New Zealand Patent No. 536057, titled STAB-IN CONNECTOR. This patent was granted on October 12, 2006 in a New Zealand patent application (the application number is the same as the issued patent number) corresponding to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/754,323

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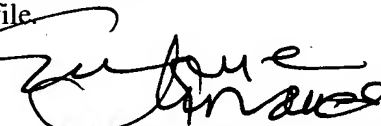
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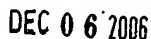
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